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SUBJECT: DOCK WORKERS IN VISAKHAPATNAM ( VIZAG) TO BOYCOTT  
U. S. SHIPS

1. DR. RAJ BAHADUR GOUR, GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE ANDHRA PRADESH UNIT OF THE AITUC, ANNOUNCED ON APRIL 18 THAT PORT LABOR AT VIZAG WILL BOYCOTT ALL AMERICAN SHIPS EFFECTIVE APRIL 21 TO EXPRESS SYMPATHY WITH STRIKING WORKERS AT THE U. S.- OWNED CALTEX REFINERY THERE. SOME 200 WORKERS AT THE REFINERY HAVE BEEN ON STRIKE -- THE FIRST IN THE 16 YEAR HISTORY OF THE COMPANY -- FOR THE PAST TEN DAYS DEMANDING AMONG OTHER THINGS THAT EMPLOYEES WHO TOOK PART IN THE BRIEF FEBRUARY GENERAL STRIKE, WHICH WAS LINKED TO THE DEMAND FOR A SEPARATE ANDHRA STATE, BE TREATED AS HAVING BEEN ON DUTY.

2. IN TELEPHONIC EXCHANGE APRIL 19, REFINERY MANAGER FRANK J. DOLEZAL TOLD US HE HAS RECEIVED NO OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION FROM AITUC THAT THEY INTEND TO CARRY OUT THE BOYCOTT. A U. S. TANKER LOADED WITH CRUDE FOR CALTEX IS SCHEDULED TO  
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ARRIVE AT VIZAG APRIL 21/22. IF THE BOYCOTT SUCCEEDS, IT  
COULD LEAD TO A COSTLY SHUTDOWN AS THE REFINERY HAS ONLY  
ABOUT A WEEK'S SUPPLY OF CRUDE ON HAND. MEANWHILE, THE RE-  
FINERY CONTINUES TO OPERATE AT FULL PRODUCTION, MANNED  
PRIMARILY BY SUPERVISORY STAFF. DOLEZAL SEEMS DETERMINED  
TO HOLD OUT AGAINST WHAT HE REGARDS AS AN ILLEGAL STRIKE  
DESPITE APPARENT LACK OF ASSISTANCE YET FROM THE GOVERNMENT  
TOWARDS SETTLEMENT OF THE DISPUTE.  
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